proposal for putting up Sound and Light Show at Shaniwarwada was received from Government of Maharashtra. Department of Tourism has cleared the proposal with central assistance of Rs. 43.75 lakhs for the purchase of equipments etc. and have released 1st instalment of Rs. 6.00 lakhs.

Export of Silk Waste and Process Waste Silk

*577. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total export of silk waste and process waste silk during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95;

(b) whether the Government of Karnataka has requested the Central Government to ban export of silk waste in view of shortage of silk waste for the mills in Karnataka; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKATSAMY): (a) The quantity of silk waste, including processed silk waste, certified for exports by the Central Silk Board, was 217 tonnes in 1993-94 and 203 tonnes in 1994-95. Due to suspension of preshipment inspection during 1992-93, compilation of export data for that year had not been feasible.

(b) and (c) The Government had received representations from the Government of Karnataka, some spun silk mills and also from some reelers' Associations, both for and against the existing policy of unrestricted export of silk waste. The Government had, therefore, constituted an Experts Committee (which also included a representative of the Government of Karnataka) to review the existing policy on silk waste exports and to make its recommendations.

Films Produced by NFDC

*578. SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH: DI. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) how many films were produced by the NFDC during the last four years;

(b) how many films were exported by the NFDC and how many were imported during this period;

(c) how much profit has been earned on such export and import;

(d) what is the annual establishment cost of NFDC; and

(e) whether NFDC is earning profits; if so, how much, annually?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) The National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) produced a total of 29 films during the last four years 1991-92 to 1994-95.

(b) and (c) The NFDC exported 446 films, 13 TV programmes and 12 documentaries during 1991-92 to 1994-95 earning a profit of Rs. 109.08 lakhs. During the same period, it imported 88 feature films (including 36 films with TV rights only) and 12 TV serials with a total of 244 episodes, earning a profit of Rs. 5.85 lakhs.

(d) and (e) The annual establishment cost of the NFDC and the amount